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CHANGE IN THE UN

The "Uniting for Peace Resolution" has made it possible to by-pass the Big Power Veto, and put threats to world peace before the UN General Assembly.

Should the main power of the UN now be lodged in the General Assembly, rather than in the Security Council, and, if so, should not the powers and functions of the two organs be re-defined?

When a substantial majority of the UN Assembly voices a decision, that decision possesses the effective force of world moral opinion.

If the power of the UN is now to be centered in the General Assembly, does the present system of equal votes for all nations fairly represent the relative size and responsibility of the very diverse 79 member nations?

Today the UN Secretary General is entrusted with carrying out UN Assembly decisions, because he has the real confidence of the member nations.

Should not the UN Charter provide for an Executive Branch to administer Assembly decisions, rather than giving the Secretary General the power of an executive officer on a continuing basis?

For the first time the UN has a police force of its own, which it is hoped may be made permanent.

Since the present UN Emergency Force was not contemplated by the Charter, should not the Charter legalize its existence and define its use and disposition if the Force is to be made permanent?

The UN has by evolution overcome some of its inherent weaknesses.

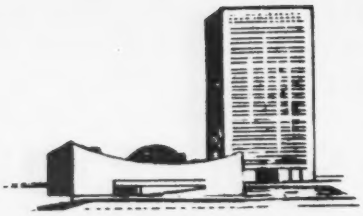
Is it wise to permit the UN Assembly to continue to legislate new international agreements and practices, or should the Charter define the powers of the UN Assembly and reserve to the nation states powers not expressly delegated to the UN?

Controversies as to the meaning of the Charter on certain points have been settled temporarily by putting each case to a majority vote in the Assembly.

Should not the International Court of Justice be given the right to interpret the Charter so that the interpretations shall be consistent and binding on all members?

These UN developments and the questions they raise suggest that a Charter review Conference should be held at the earliest practical moment.

President Eisenhower should now set up a special commission to prepare US positions on UN Charter Review, and promote public discussion of the issues involved.



SPOTLIGHTING THE UNITED NATIONS

It is doubtful if UN Observers will ever get into Hungary. The Arab-Asian bloc, unwilling to see that freedom in Hungary is as important as freedom in Egypt, abstained on all three resolutions adopted by the Assembly. This diminished the moral pressure which, with their support, might even have been great enough to make the USSR get their armies out of Hungary.

Morocco, Tunis, and Sudan have been admitted to the UN to make a total of 79 member nations. The Arab-Asian countries now form the biggest bloc in the Assembly -- their combined votes total 26, which, as a two-thirds vote is required, could give them a virtual veto power over any action they do not favor.

Soviet bloc split for first time when Poland abstained - on a minor issue - while the other eight members of the bloc voted No.

The collapse of confidence that recent events have caused among friends as well as foes will handicap long range planning to prevent further Egypts and Hungaries. It is likely that government officials will be very reluctant to initiate quickly any fundamental changes in UN procedures or institutions.

The most significant development from the emergency session is the creation of the United Nations Emergency Force. There is a real possibility of making this force permanent.

69 NEWSPAPERS - - over 5,207,099 READERS

A UWF advertisement, "Call the Police - But Can They Arrest the Guilty", has appeared in 69 newspapers all over the country - - from the New York Times to the San Francisco Chronicle, the Brattleboro (Vt) Daily Reformer to the St. Petersburg (Fla) Times.

The National Executive Council at its Special Meeting on November 10th approved the text of the ad and authorized through the use of funds raised specially for that purpose, its placement, in the New York Times on November 14th.

Reprints and mats of this ad were mailed to all UWF chapters on November 16th. In just two weeks, chapters have placed the ad in 68 other newspapers.

CONGRATULATIONS to these chapters and their members! They have pointed out to an audience greater than UWF has ever known the necessity for a strengthened United Nations with a permanent Police Force and Courts of Law capable of enforcing disarmament and maintaining peace.

Copies of the ad and the companion booklet, "Call the Police", are available from UWF, 179 Allyn Street, Hartford 3, Conn.

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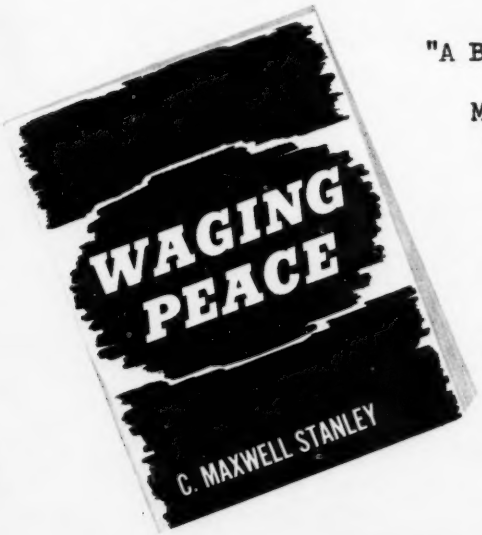
DISSECTING WASHINGTON

The leading candidates for the office of Secretary of State, which John Foster Dulles is expected to resign shortly, appear to be Herbert Hoover, Jr., Governor Christian Herter, and John McCloy. Tom Dewey has pleaded with the President not to be considered for the job. He wants to remain in law practice. Herbert Hoover's chief strength has been his popularity with the isolationist wing of the Republican party. With a Democratic Congress and with Eisenhower's recent emphasis on "Modern Republicans", Hoover's importance to the administration may have seriously diminished, and Herter's stock is definitely high.

A tremendous amount of mail supporting the United Nations has been received by many government officials in recent weeks. Most of it suggests permanent improvements to enable the U.N. to cope with serious crises when they arise. A large number of letters contained clippings of U.W.F. newspaper ads supporting a permanent police force and the internationalization of the Suez Canal and other waterways.

Foreign aid appropriations will be affected by the outcome of investigations now being conducted by the House, the Senate and the White House. Supporters of foreign aid hope that favorable reports from these groups will save the day in the next Congress. Meanwhile, a group of national organizations supporting technical assistance and international economic development (including U.W.F.) are planning a fourth national conference on international economic development at the Statler Hotel, in Washington, on February 12 and 13, 1957.

The question of SUNFED is due to arise again during the present meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. Last year, as in previous years this proposal for a multilateral economic development program was killed because of U.S. opposition. After the General Assembly ended, U.S. congressmen who had served as delegates wrote a report urging that the U.S. abandon its negative role on the subject. Well-informed sources say that the State Department has been urging revision of U.S. position but that Treasury opposes. As we go to press there are many rumors to the effect that U.S. will support a SUNFED-type economic development plan this May, but no definite announcement.



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THE READER'S FORUM

I should like to take issue with the sponsors of the resolution passed by the Scott County, Iowa, Chapter. .... Until we can convince the people that UWF is not off in the clouds, and that our objectives are intimately connected with current political developments, we shall remain ineffectual. .... Is federalism a dream for the distant future, or a program for now?

Dr. J. David Singer, New York

There is both wisdom and error in the resolution passed by some members of the Scott County, Iowa, UWF Chapter. .... I am inclined to agree with the implied stand of the Scott County members that the issue of international ownership or control of waterways is not relevant to UWF policy. The real issue is whether the UN will be empowered to maintain law and order at Suez.

Victor Rice, Ohio

I am afraid that following the resolution of the Scott County, Iowa, Chapter "against taking controversial stands on solution of current international crises" would result in return to ivory-tower policies and organizational decay, from which I hope we are escaping.

Donald Wardle, New Jersey

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